

Import/Export Authorization

Funding Profile by Subprogram

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2004 Comparable Appropriation	FY 2005 Comparable Appropriation	FY 2006 Base	FY 2006 Request	FY 2006 Request vs Base	
					\$ Change	% Change
Import/Export Authorization	2,716	1,774	1,774	1,799	+25	+1.4%
Total, Import/Export Authorization	2,716	1,774	1,774	1,799	+25	+1.4%

Mission

The Office of Import/Export Authorization (OIEA) manages the regulatory review of natural gas imports and exports. In addition, the program exercises regulatory oversight of the conversion of existing oil and gas-fired powerplants, processes exemptions from the statutory provisions of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and processes certifications of alternate fuel capability pursuant to the provisions of the amended FUA.

Benefits

These regulatory activities help promote the national energy strategy goal of securing future energy supplies by helping to ensure: the availability of reliable, competitively priced natural gas; and that surplus domestic gas supplies can be marketed internationally in a competitive and environmentally sound manner.

Detailed Justification

(dollars in thousands)

FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
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Import/Export Authorization **2,445** **1,600** **1,619**

In FY 2006, modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 226 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE.

In FY 2005, modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 226 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE. The electricity regulatory functions of this program have been transferred to the Office of Electricity Transmission and Distribution.

(dollars in thousands)

FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
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In FY 2004, modify or rescind 3 conversion orders. Process 50 certifications of coal capability and 3 exemptions. Process 220 gas import/export applications. Provide support for consultations with U.S. trading partners. Provide regulatory compliance and industry monitoring. Provide petroleum policy support for ASFE. Process 103 electricity export applications and 11 construction permits. Monitor and analyze international and domestic electricity trade. Participate in FERC proceedings, international studies, and trade negotiations. Perform NEPA compliance activities.

Program Support	271	174	180
Fund technical and program management support.			
Total, Import/Export Authorization	2,716	1,774	1,799

Explanation of Funding Changes

FY 2006 vs. FY 2005 (\$000)

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▪ No significant change in funding	+25
Total Funding Change, Import/Export Authorization.....	+25